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## THE WAR.

### LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**THE CAMPAIGN IN  
EAST AFRICA.**  
ENEMY IN FULL RETREAT.  
GOOD WORK BY BRITISH  
FORCES.

London, Jan. 10.  
Reuter's Correspondent in East  
Africa, describing the fighting on a  
twenty-mile front on the 1st inst.  
resulting in the ejection of the enemy  
from the whole of his elaborate  
entrenchments on the Mgata River,  
says:  
Some of the 130th Baluchis on  
the right flank, under General Shep-  
pard, dug themselves in at night  
behind the enemy front line, which  
other Baluchis attacked at dawn.  
The enemy fled in disorder towards  
their second line. The intervening  
Baluchis met them with heavy fire,  
and repulsed three desperate at-  
tempts to break through. Then they  
counter-charged and scattered the  
foe.  
The losses on both sides were  
severe, but the enemy's were the  
heaviest. By evening General Shep-  
pard had advanced fifteen miles, the  
enemy being in full retreat.  
Meanwhile, General Lyall, on the  
right flank, after occupying Kiruru,  
marched in a south-westerly direc-  
tion, cut the Duthumi-Kidingwa  
road, and captured a gun and much  
booty.  
General Cudiffe, in the Centre,  
bombed and captured the main  
enemy position, dispersed the enemy  
and reached Kidingwa.  
All the troops are now pursuing the  
enemy who abandoned munitions and  
stores and are scattering in the  
jungle with a view to reforming at  
a pre-arranged rendezvous.

**THE FIGHTING ON THE  
RUSSIAN FRONT.**  
ENEMY THROWN BACK ACROSS  
THE PUTNA.

London, Jan. 11.  
A Russian official report, trans-  
mitted by wireless, says:  
Fighting continues south of Lake  
Babit.  
We captured a village east of  
Kaluca.  
The enemy captured two heights  
north of the Mituz River.  
The Rumanians fell back south-  
east of Mokestirka and Kachinul, also  
north-east of Kempuledeus.  
The enemy crossed the Putna  
north of Pusceni. Our counter-  
attack threw him back with heavy  
losses.  
London, Jan. 11.  
A German official report, received  
by wireless, states:  
The Austrians and Germans won  
successes between the Uz and  
Susita Valleys.  
We stormed heights north of the  
Oltuz road and captured 800 men  
near Mamsti Racosan.

**ENEMY'S PROGRESS IN  
RUMANIA.**

**ENEMY REPORT DENIED.**

London, Jan. 11.  
The Russians and Rumanians who  
are falling back are stoutly resisting  
and retarding the progress of the  
enemy in a difficult country.  
The Times Correspondent at the  
Rumanian Headquarters, in a mes-  
sage dated the 8th inst. says: The  
Allies are slowly retreating to the main  
line of defence on the Sereth which  
has been strongly fortified in recent  
weeks. German assertions that they  
captured the Predal Army in  
November reached here only yester-  
day. I witnessed the retreat of the  
whole Army from the Carpathians  
under General Aterescu. It kept in  
contact with the enemy the whole  
time; it lost guns, which were  
destroyed, and sacrificed rearguards,  
but the remainder of the Army  
joined the Bukharest Divisions and  
is still fighting.

**RUSSIAN POLITICAL  
CRISIS**

**SPECULATION AS TO ITS MEANING.**

London, Jan. 11.  
There is much speculation as to  
the meaning of the changes in  
Russia.  
The Daily Mail Petrograd corre-  
spondent says that M. Goltzine,  
former Governor of Iver, where the  
policy was reactionary, interviewed,  
said he considered it essential to  
co-operate with the Parliamentary  
institutions. The war must continue  
till complete victory is achieved.  
The Petrograd Correspondent of  
the Daily News says M. Troppoff  
resigned because there was no pros-  
pect of carrying out the wishes of  
the Duma and Assembly of Nobles  
and the Press for real collaboration  
between the Administration and the  
people.  
The Raskiya Volos concludes a  
gloomy leader on the changes by say-  
ing: "Russia has suffered much  
late, but we have never before realised  
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Hongkong, Jan. 6, 1917. 1399

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By order of the Directors,  
GEORGE CURRY,  
General Secretary.  
Hongkong, Jan. 6, 1917. 1399

## HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

AS already notified, this Company's Generating Plant is now carrying out the installation of a new boiler and to further installations can be made for the present. Consumers and Wiring Contractors are warned against the danger of making additions to existing installations and are reminded that under the Regulations for securing the Safety of the Public contained in the Electricity Supply Ordinance (1911) (as amended) "Any person making any addition to any electrical installation connected to the Company's main shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty Dollars for every such addition."

By Order of the Board,  
GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, Jan. 5, 1917. 1395

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE Committee has decided that the following shall be the Settlement Days for the year 1917:

MONDAY, 22nd January,  
FRIDAY, 23rd February,  
THURSDAY, 29th March,  
FRIDAY, 27th April,  
WEDNESDAY, 20th May,  
THURSDAY, 28th June,  
FRIDAY, 27th July,  
WEDNESDAY, 29th August,  
THURSDAY, 27th September,  
MONDAY, 25th October,  
WEDNESDAY, 23rd November,  
FRIDAY, 21st December.

By order of the Committee,  
EDWARD M. RAYMOND,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Hongkong Stock Exchange.  
Hongkong, Jan. 6, 1917. 1400

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2—Fire Funds £3,837,047  
3—Life & Annuity Funds £17,667,630  
Sinking Fund Account £23,970,567

Reversion Fire Branch £2,381,458  
Life and Annuity Branches £2,141,693  
Reversion Marine Department £337,239  
Other Receipts £478,940  
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## INTIMATIONS

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to the  
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency  
Co. Ltd.,  
General Agents for the  
West Point Building Company Limited.  
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1415

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL  
ESTATE LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 11.45 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916. The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 18th to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL  
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A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary to  
THE GENERAL MANAGERS.  
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1414

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
A. SHELTON HOOPER,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1413

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMA-  
TION COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd. on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 12.15 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916. The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 18th to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
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Hongkong, Jan. 11, 1917. 1412

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## COCOA SMUGGLING.

CUSTOMS OFFICERS WHO GOT 240  
A WAGON.

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GERMANY'S SUPPLIES.

How an organised system was set up of bribing Customs officers on the Dutch-Belgian border to pass over supplies of cocoa butter was reported in the London Price Court recently.

For every wagon of this much-sought-after commodity which got into Germany the official was to receive £40 from the German cocoa and chocolate monopoly, and further payments were to be made to the station chief and the man who could "ride" the Customs official to let the goods through.

The Crown asked for the condemnation or detention of a cargo of cocoa seized on the Danish steamship Baron Stjernblad while on a voyage from Lisbon to Gothenburg (Denmark).  
Mr. W. Fuller Smith, of the War Trade Intelligence Department, gave the following figures of cocoa imports into Scandinavia in metric tons:—

Year.....	1911-12.	1915.
(year averages)		
Norway.....	1,935	1,600
Sweden.....	1,692	15,800
Denmark.....	2,304	21,387
Total.....	5,931	39,087

British imports of cocoa last year were:—From Norway 833 tons, Sweden 4,502, Denmark 4,719. From 1911 to 1913 Germany took no cocoa from Scandinavia, but 6,000 tons from Holland and 44,339 tons from other sources. The effect of the present war was therefore to cut Germany off from nearly 85 per cent of her total supplies. Before the war Germany was the second largest consumer of cocoa, taking one-fifth of the world's produce. The shortage after war broke out led to the smuggling at high prices.

## VALUE OF COCOA BUTTER.

During 1915 a certain German merchant in Sweden exported cocoa beans and cocoa butter from Sweden to a firm in Cologne to the value of £200,000. Sixteen Swedish firms which imported 1,687 tons had not previously been engaged in the cocoa trade. A constant traffic had taken place between Denmark and the Sweden and its products for immediate transshipment to Germany.

Counsel said cocoa butter was a fatty substance pressed out of cocoa beans, a most valuable foodstuff.

The President: What are cocoa shells? Mr. Roche, K.C.: The husk of the bean. It makes a very thin drink, and there is no fat in it, but it is much better than cocoa.

Lieut.-Col. H. Percival, Assistant Director of Supplies at the War Office, in an affidavit spoke of the highly nutritive and stimulating properties of cocoa and chocolate, coupled with small weight and bulk. They were still issued as part of the ration on field service to British troops in the present war. Cocoa and chocolate had been since 1915 part of the German, and since 1909 part of the Austrian ration.

A high tribute by Mr. G. Stubbs, of the Government Laboratory, to the fine qualities of cocoa drew from Sir Samuel Evans the remark: "We ought all to think of giving up tea and coffee after this."

Mr. Roche, for the Danish claimants, who paid 210,000 for the goods, said the question was whether the consignment in question was ultimately destined for Germany.

The hearing was adjourned.

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## SCOTTISH SPORT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

December 6.

## RUGBY.

The game between Edinburgh Academy and Merchiston was quite a stirring affair, and was won by the side with the better forwards. All season the Academy pack have played well, but have not been supported by their backs. They have a genius of a scrum-half, D. G. Hutton, and a useful wing-three-quarter, H. M. Somerville, but the others are lacking in some necessary qualities. Fettes, thanks to a magnificent score by their stalwart forward, T. S. Ross, had a victory over Grange. Glasgow Academy showed effective resource against Watson's hefty forwards, and deserved their division of the spoils.

Edinburgh Academy, 3; Merchiston, 0.  
Glasgow Academy, 0; Watson's, 0.  
Fettes, 3; Grange, 0.  
Royal High School, 0; Heriot's, 28.  
Stewart's, 9; Kirkcaldy H.S., 3.  
Glasgow University, 8; Royal Fusiliers, 0.

## ASSOCIATION.

Greenock Morton, by dropping a point to Hibernians, lost the lead in the League, their place being taken by Celtic. Rangers won because every one of their forwards was in his accustomed position and played sensible football; their Falkirk opponents were out of their ordinary places, and with one exception were all off form. Celtic had a weak team, but it was strong enough to defeat Raith Rovers without effort. The other matches furnished close results, in nearly every case the score being a reflex of the play. At Dundee, however, the home team pressed without impressing. They did not deserve to score, and at the same time neither did their opponents. A goalless draw would have been a fair ending. Clyde and Airdrieonians were well matched, though not more so than Queen's Park and Kilmarnock. Queen's Park lacked a forward with sufficient confidence to close in and tackle the goalkeeper. In all other departments the amateurs held their own.

Heart of Mid-Lothian, 0; Dumbarton, 1.  
Greenock Morton, 1; Hibernians, 1.  
Raith Rovers, 1; Celtic, 4.  
Rangers, 3; Falkirk, 1.  
Clyde, 1; Airdrieonians, 1.  
Dundee, 0; Third Lanark, 1.  
Aberdeen, 0; Motherwell, 1.  
Ayr United, 0; Partick Thistle, 0.  
Queen's Park, 0; Kilmarnock, 1.  
Hamilton Academicals, 1; St. Mirren, 1.

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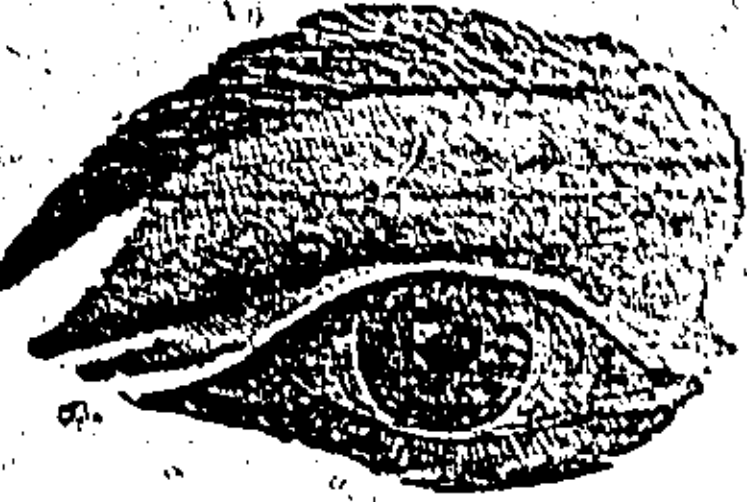
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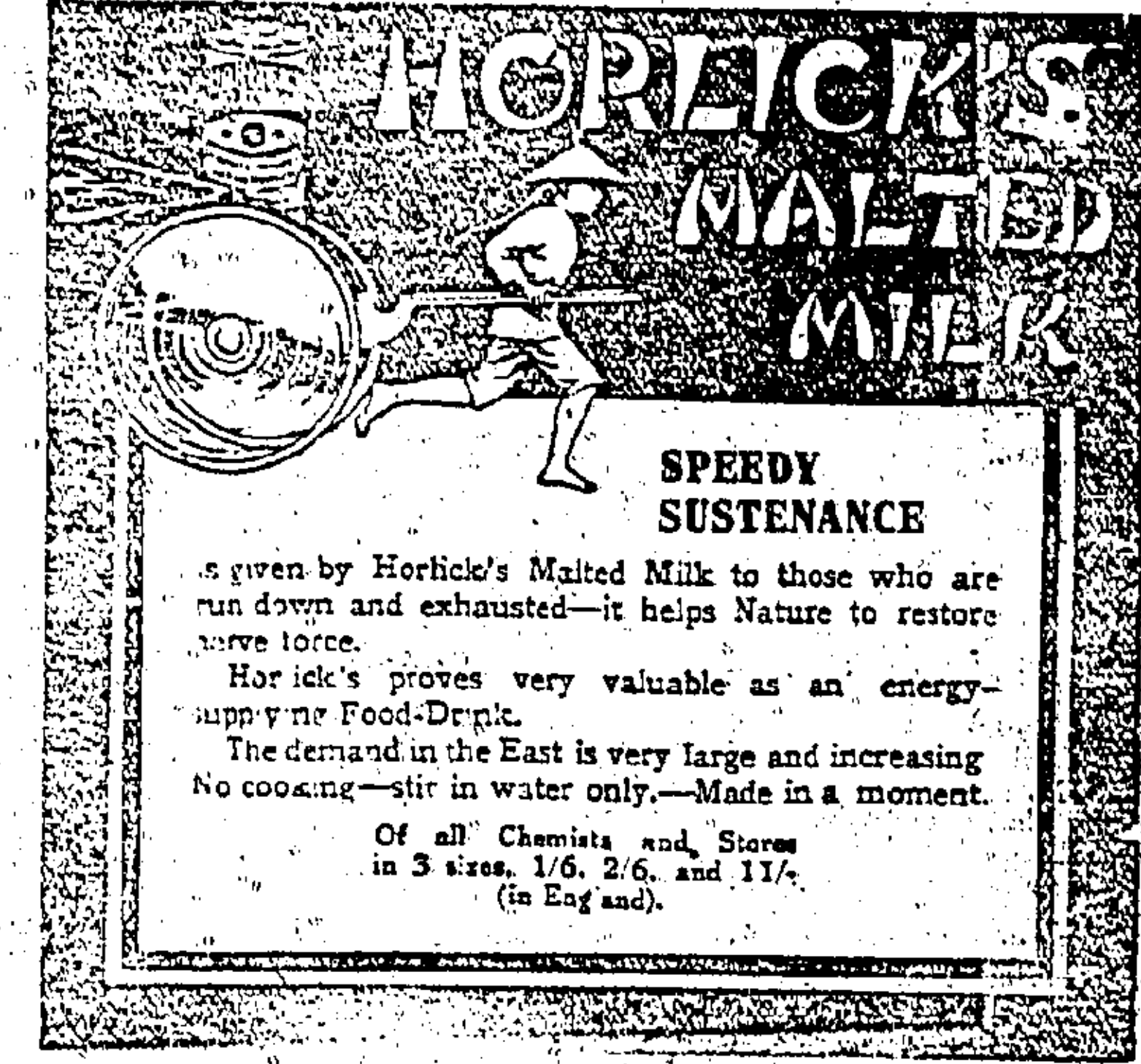
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## TELEGRAMS.

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## THE WAR LOAN.

## GREAT SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

"IF VICTORY IS DIFFICULT DEFEAT IS IMPOSSIBLE."

## ARMIES TO CLEAVE ROAD TO VICTORY IN 1917.

London, Jan. 11. The Guildhall was crowded to hear Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, speak on the subject of the War Loan. Mr. Lloyd George had a great reception.

Mr. Bonar Law, in a speech, warned the public that the future rate of interest for War money would be limited, and he forecasted that it would not be higher than the present interest. If the Loan were to fail—and it would not—other methods could be applied and the rate would not be 54 per cent.—(Laughter.) In conclusion he declared that the German military machine was visibly crumbling.

Mr. Lloyd George declared that the Kaiser in order to drag those he could not drag down, had told the people that the Allies had rejected Peace terms. We had not seen the Peace terms. We all wanted peace, but it must be real peace. The Allies at the Rome Conference were under no delusion as to the magnitude of the task now doubtful of the result.

—(Cheers.) The whole situation was probed, difficulties faced and arrangements made to deal with them. The Allies felt that if victory was difficult, defeat was impossible.—(Cheers.) There was grim resolution to rid the world of the evil of the Prussian military caste and save Europe from unspeakable despotism.—(Cheers.)

The Allies were more and more looking to Britain. He was confident that that trust was not misplaced. Our Navy would continue to strangle enemy commerce, despite practical devices.—(Cheers.) While with proper support our gallant Armies would clear the road to victory in 1917.—(Loud cheers.) A successful loan would shorten the war and save lives, save the British Empire, Europe and civilization.—(Cheers.)

The Prussian menace at present constituted a running mortgage which detracted from our national security. Let us clear off that mortgage for ever, and in future let the nations combine to punish the first peacemaker.—(Continued Cheering.) We made it clear in the reply to Germany and still clearer in the reply to the United States, that war is preferable to peace at the Prussian price and emphasised that there was unflinching, unwavering, and no faint-heartedness in the uniformity of purpose of the Rome Conference, but only grim determination to achieve the high end for which we accepted the Prussian challenge, and to rid Europe for ever of this menace.—(Cheers.)

Before we rebuild the temple of peace we must see that the foundations are solid. The British Armies to-day in the matter of training and equipment are more formidable than ever. I do not know the nation that dare touch us after the war. They had forgotten what we were like in the old days, but it will take them a long time to forget this lesson.—(Cheers.)

Germany is pressing back the Russians and Rumanians not because the Germans are better fighters, but because they are better equipped. Let us equip them and it will be another story.—(Cheers.) I want to see your cheques hurtling through the air to the enemy entrenchments. Every well-directed cheque properly primed is more formidable than the twelve-inch. It clears the path through barbed wire. Do not let us squander money on luxuries and indulgences. Put it there and help the soldiers. The more we go the shorter will be the war.—(Loud Cheers.)

## BRITISH COLONY LEAVES ATHENS.

London, Jan. 11. The British Colony at Athens has arrived at Rhodes, en route to England. The Italian residents remain at Athens.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## SERIOUS ENEMY LOSSES.

London, Jan. 10. A French communiqué announces that an enemy attack on Bois des Carrières, on the right bank of the Meuse, was repulsed with serious enemy losses.

## BRITISH ATTACK NEAR YPRES.

## GERMAN VERSION.

London, Jan. 11. A German official report states: "We repulsed an attack with heavy losses north of Ypres and drove out the British who penetrated a narrow front. The enemy occupied a salient trench near Beaumont."

## POSSIBILITIES ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

## WHAT GERMANY MAY DO.

London, Jan. 10. The Daily News Correspondent at Lausanne says that despite German denials, the Swiss are preoccupied with the possibility of a German invasion in a desperate effort to secure peace in three months by a smashing blow on the West.

Three possibilities are discussed: (1) by way of Italy from Austria through the St. Gothard; (2) from Germany via Porrentruy, threatening Gelfort; (3) from Germany via Schaffhausen, threatening the industrial heart of France.

Swiss Military Authorities consider a simultaneous attack at the three points most possible.

## ITALIAN PROGRESS IN ALBANIA.

London, Jan. 11. An Italian official report says: "We have occupied the Grinti-Cortiza area in Albania."

## BRITISH BATTLESHIP SUNK.

## H.M.S. CORNWALLIS TORPEDOED.

London, Jan. 11. The Admiralty announces that the Cornwallis (a battleship of 14,000 tons, built in 1903 and carrying a complement of 750) was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on Tuesday. Thirteen men are missing.

## SEAPLANE CARRIER SUNK.

The Admiralty also announces that the seaplane carrier Ben-my-Chree was sunk by gunfire at Kastellorizo, Asia Minor, to-day, and that one officer and four men are wounded.

## ALLIES' REPLY TO THE WILSON NOTE.

## FORECASTS.

London, Jan. 11. Forecasts of the Allies' reply to President Wilson's Note are published. They describe it as differing considerably from the Reply made to Germany, it being conceived in the frankest and most cordial spirit, and is addressed to the American people equally with President Wilson.

It emphasises that the principle of nationalities must be carried out if a League to Enforce Peace is ever to be practicable.

## BELGIAN NOTE TO AMERICA.

Paris, Jan. 11. M. Briand, the French Premier, when handing to the American Ambassador the Allies' Reply to President Wilson's Note, also handed to the Ambassador a Note from the Belgian Government adhering to the Reply of the Allies and thanking the American Government for its generous services towards the unfortunate Belgian people.

## THE ROME CONFERENCE.

## BRITISH REPRESENTATIVES.

London, Jan. 10. The Daily Mail states that Sir William Robertson (Chief of Staff), General Milne, Sir Francis Elliot and Earl Granville attended the Conference at Rome.

It is understood that the British delegates to the Rome Conference regard it as the most satisfactory of the Allied War Councils, marking an advance towards unity of action.

## AUSTRIA'S MILITARY AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.

## A SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCE.

London, Jan. 11. The military and economic difficulties of Austria-Hungary are indicated by significant conferences with the Emperor Charles at the Austrian Headquarters.

On Tuesday the Emperor gave audiences to the Bulgarian Crown Prince, the Archdukes Karl Stefan, Karl Albrecht, and Czernon, the German Military Plenipotentiary, the Military Governor of Lublin, the War Minister and Count Tarnowski, the Ambassador to the United States.

Archduke Czernon yesterday presided at an economic conference in Vienna which lasted eight hours. All the Austrian and Hungarian Ministers were present.

## GERMAN CONSULS CONVICTED IN AMERICA.

## CHARGES OF PLOTTING DESTRUCTION.

San Francisco, Jan. 11. The Federal Jury has convicted the German Consul-General, the Vice-Consul, a Lieutenant and two others, including a woman, for plotting to blow up munition works, railways, bridges, trains and munition ships.

## EGYPTIAN EGGS ON LONDON MARKET.

London, Jan. 11. Seven million Egyptian eggs have reached London. They are reported to be selling at 1½d each. The supplies from America have been the largest for months.

## SHIPS SUNK.

London, Jan. 10. The following vessels have been sunk: Baynes, Lynfield and Anders (British), and Fernebo (Swedish).

## TO SOLVE THE IRISH PROBLEM.

New York, Jan. 10. The Chicago Herald states that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, K.C.V.O. (President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.), is returning to England in two months' time, having been chosen to solve the Irish problem.

[Sir Thomas Shaughnessy was born of Irish parents at Milwaukee in 1852.]

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## SPAIN AND SUBMARINE PIRACY.

## REPRISALS ADVOCATED.

Paris, Jan. 10. The correspondent of Le Temps at Madrid reports that Senor Alvarez, the head of the Reform Party, in referring to the torpedoing of Spanish steamers, said Spain ought to adopt energetic measures. The Government ought to decree an embargo on German vessels finding refuge in Spanish ports and cut off the grants enjoyed by thousands of strangers whom Spain is generously sheltering.

## THE TURKISH SULTAN AND THE PEACE EFFORTS.

Amsterdam, Jan. 10. A message from Constantinople states that the Sultan, in a proclamation to the troops, regrets that the humanitarian proposal for peace negotiations has been disdainfully rejected by the Entente, who are therefore responsible for the continuance of bloodshed. Henceforth, with their Allies, the Turks must redouble their efforts to achieve a final victory.

## GREECE ACCEPTS ULTIMATUM.

Athens, Jan. 10. Greece last evening replied accepting the Entente's ultimatum.

## AMERICA AND SWITZERLAND.

## THANKS FROM PRESIDENT WILSON.

Washington, Jan. 10. President Wilson has personally thanked the Swiss Minister for Switzerland's offer to co-operate in the peace note.

## ALLIES REPLY TO PRESIDENT WILSON.

Paris, Jan. 10. M. Briand, the French Prime Minister, this afternoon handed the American Ambassador the Allies' reply to President Wilson's Peace Note.

## RECORD LITIGATION.

## PREHISTORIC EVIDENCE.

London, December 6. In a reserved judgment, from which are extracted one or two humorous passages below, Mr. Justice Eves, sitting in the Chancery Division, recently gave his decision in an action distinguished as the longest on record. The case occupied 144 days—about three quarters of a judge's working year—his lordship remarked, and having regard to the enormous amount of details which it was necessary to examine and discuss, he did not think the time was excessive. It will be remembered that quite recently Commander Bellairs, M.P., put a question to Mr. Asquith relating to this case, and was informed that the judge had devoted some part of the Long Vacation to it.

The case was the Amalgamated Properties of Rhodesia (1913) (Ltd.) v. The Globe and Phoenix Gold Mining Company (Ltd.). The judgment was in favour of defendants, with costs against the plaintiffs, except so far as they had been increased by an adjournment from July 13 to Aug. 21, occasioned by defendants, which must be paid by defendants. The bill is an enormous one, estimated at in the aggregate, at out £150,000. The brief of Mr. Upjohn, K.C., leading counsel for defendants, was marked with 1,000 guineas, and to that was attached a daily "refresher" of 100 guineas. It will be remembered that the latter part of the trial was marked by some lively passages at arms between Mr. Upjohn and Mr. Hughes, K.C., plaintiffs' counsel, which led to explanations before the Benchers of Lincoln's Inn, and subsequent public apologies and withdrawals in court.

The issue was a simple one in terms, though it involved complex and technical problems. By an agreement dated June 10 and 17, 1912, the defendants acquired a block of gold mining claims in Rhodesia, known as the "John Bull" claims, for £1,000 in cash, and the vendors were to retain a half-share or interest in any minerals which might be found in the claims, and in any proceeds derived from the sale of such minerals. In October, 1912, the vendors assigned to the plaintiffs company the benefit of the agreement, and notified the defendants of the assignment. The plaintiffs brought the action to recover a sum of about £400,000, one-half the proceeds of minerals which they alleged the defendants had found on the claims. The defendants set up that the original vendors were not the owners of the claims at the date of the agreement, but were merely the possessors of such mining rights thereof as were allowed by the law of Southern Rhodesia, and therefore that plaintiffs had no right in minerals, if any, that were found. They further alleged that if minerals were found they were found in the Phoenix Discovery reef, which they had opened up before the date of the agreement, and which extended under the "John Bull" claims; and, further, that by the law of Southern Rhodesia they were entitled to work the Phoenix reef though it was under the "John Bull" claims.

Amongst the witnesses were eminent geologists and mining engineers, and some 50,000 questions were put and answered filling 4,500 pages of transcript. Before going into the details of the expert evidence his lordship made the following general and humorous comments upon it:

## JUDGE'S HUMOROUS COMMENTS.

Except in so far as sermons are to be extracted from the stones, this, the prehistoric evidence, was oral, and has been given by geologists of great learning and eminence—men of whom I might be permitted to say that if they could not actually make dry bones live, had the gift of enabling them to utter theories and stating their views as almost to create in their hearers a real affection for acid intrusives and granophyre porphyries, and an enthusiastic desire to cultivate a closer acquaintance with magnetic attractions, slickensides, and the great accretion of batholiths. (Laughter.) I am not thinking of such insignificant and negligible differences in the geologists' evidence as were represented, for example, by a discrepancy of 100,000,000 years, but of assumed physical conditions and data fundamentally affecting the course of subsequent events. The question I have to consider is one of practical commercial importance affecting the interests of the men who are concerned only to know how they might turn their property to profitable use, and who are perfectly indifferent to the exact geological era, epoch, or age in which their particular lode came into existence, so long as they could satisfy the mining commissioner that they were working throughout on one and the same lode. Indeed, except that they exhibit appropriate or possibly ideal climatic conditions for that destination, the geologists' evidence was not infrequently congenial objects animate and inanimate, which arouse his temporary displeasure. I venture to doubt if the miner ever contemplated those remote ages in which the sullen rock out of which he was hewing, or at least hoped he was hewing, his fortune was a molten liquid as receptive of deforming ingredients as are other liquids to-day. (Laughter.) I certainly do not believe that the practical and progressive founder of Rhodesia, educationalist though he was, was ever intended that the itinerant prospector for gold should load himself not only with his pick and shovel, but with a selection culled from the encyclopedic volumes from which counsel have so liberally quoted, many of which, no doubt, owing to their monolithic proportions, have never yet reached the elevation of the bench. (Laughter.) I therefore pass away from the prehistoric evidence with the farewell observation that if in that case there is to be a judicial sacrifice, metaphorically speaking, to the geological "wolves," I must respectfully leave the victims to be selected from one of the appellate tribunals. (Laughter.)

## HIS LORDSHIP THEN COPIOUSLY REVIEWED THE EVIDENCE, AND GAVE JUDGMENT FOR DEFENDANTS, WITH COSTS AS STATED ABOVE, ON THE HIGHER SCALE.

Counsel were given three months in which to decide whether to go to the House of Lords.

## WAR CONDITIONS HAVE SENT COAL UP TO TWENTY DOLLARS GOLD A TON IN NEW YORK.

The annual consumption in the United States is 50,000,000 tons; the capacity of the American mines is 750,000,000 tons. Shortage of railway wagons is responsible for the increased price of coal.

## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

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## LOWLANDERS AT GALLIPOLI.

Amongst the heroic deeds of the war that have yet to be adequately described in justice to the men who took part in them were those of the 52nd Lowland Division in the Gallipoli campaign. Comparatively little detailed information has been disclosed of their strenuous fighting against the Turk. In some measure this is due to the restrictions imposed by the censor. But in a periodical entitled "The Regiment," issued in connection with a certain West Country corps, there appears an interesting sketch of "How the 52nd Lowland Division Made Good." It is stated that within less than a month of their landing they lost in killed and wounded alone about 70 per cent. of their officers and 50 per cent. of their men. The Lowlanders were commanded by Major-General Granville Egerton, an old Seaforth officer. They included Territorial Force battalions of the Royal Scots, the Highland Light Infantry, the Scottish Rifles, and the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. They all came from good Scottish homes—young bank clerks, mechanics, shopmen, factory hands, cashiers, and so on—to whom the Territorial Force appeared as a mild adventure and as affording an opportunity for spare time cuttings and social amenities. But when the call came they yielded up their lives without stint and without weighing results. The tragedy was, of course, the same for all the troops in Gallipoli, but most of these Territorials were mere boys, and the casualties they had to suffer were extremely heavy. In the great battle of June 23, one brigade alone, the 155th, lost over 1300, and the proportion of losses to strength exceeded that of some of the epic contests of military history. In the last battle they took all the trenches they were ordered to take, and never lost one. Indeed they held these trenches (though tragically diminished in strength) until the final withdrawal. The actual rearguard in the Peninsula during the evacuation in January was drawn from the Scottish Rifle Brigade of the 52nd Lowland Division. Another fact worth noting is that the Bisleigh King's Prize man of 1913 was a member of the Division, and bagged a Turkish sniper on his very first day in the trenches.

## IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

In connection with a course of lectures upon "Imperial Studies" delivered in the University of Edinburgh, a symposium of Professors and others was held, presided over by the Principal. Professor Wallace took part, and as one who had visited most of the important British Colonies and Dominions, he was well known in Singapore, Hongkong, and the Far East generally, he expressed the opinion that, though Imperial Federation was not within practical sight, it was an object which should be looked forward to and worked for. To hasten the question, he said, they should have frequent Imperial Conferences, the members of which should not be tied hand and foot on any subject they considered.

## "A SOLDIER CRIED."

I chanced this week to hear a soldier home on short leave "cried." The banners were proclaimed by a venerable beadle from the steps of a suburban parish church, and the only other witness was a policeman. The General Assembly has legalised this arrangement for the duration of the war, in the interest of soldiers and sailors who wish to be married, and who must return to the front before the next Sunday.

## ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT IN FRANCE.

Our observance of St. Andrew's Night, writes a chaplain in France, "took the form of a Scots concert held in a village school back from the line, which accommodated 150 men tightly packed. So the concert was 'twice nightly.' Mirabile dictu, we got a piano! And we had 'Scotland, Yes!' (The Macgregors' Gathering, 'Bonnie Scotland,' and 'Mary of Argyll.' Of course we ended with 'Auld Lang Syne' and three cheers for Scotland, where we all come from.' Had we been Scots at home the probability is that St. Andrew would not have found us at his shrine. We might not have known it was St. Andrew's Night at all. It's funny but it's true."

## BEATTY'S POPULARITY.

There can be no doubt that Admiral Beatty's promotion is a popular one in the North. Of his first appearance in Edinburgh after the official appointment he had a great ovation. When walking along Princes Street, he was recognised, there was a general lifting

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of hate; and then an outbreak of cheering. The "modern Cochran" seemed to be greatly taken by surprise, and quickly vanished.

## SCOTLAND AND THE BALKANS.

Father Nicholas Velimirovic says that his ideal for his native country of Serbia is that it should be cultivated like Scotland, and be as prosperous. He makes a good hit at the ponderous Teutons when he says that the question before the Allies is whether this planet shall be called Germany or the Earth. M. J. Jovanovic, the Serbian Ambassador, speaks of his country as "the Scotland of the Balkans."

## A BRIEF INTERVIEW.

The death of the Rev. A. R. MacEwan, Professor of Church History in New College, Edinburgh, recalls a story of his student days. At Balliol College, Oxford, he came under the influence of the Episcopalian form of service, and for a time thought of entering the Church of England. Some rumour of this must have reached the ears of Dr. Jowett, who was then Master of Balliol, for one morning MacEwan was summoned to his presence. "Good morning MacEwan," said Dr. Jowett, who was standing by the fire, presenting his back to his visitor. "Good Morning Master," responded the student. "Remember, MacEwan, a man always does his best work in the Church in which he was brought up. Good morning." "Good morning, Master," again replied the future Moderator of the United Free Church. A brief interview, but surely a significant one.

## HOSE TOPS.

A writer in a Highland contemporary asks what is wrong with "morgans" as a name for the horse. He says it is the word commonly used by Highlanders and Lowlanders alike to describe a fatless stocky horse, such as was worn by the ancient Gaul with those (obnoxious) made of rough cow hide, with the hair growing on the back of the neck and the hair growing on the back of the neck. He says it is the word commonly used by Highlanders and Lowlanders alike to describe a fatless stocky horse, such as was worn by the ancient Gaul with those (obnoxious) made of rough cow hide, with the hair growing on the back of the neck and the hair growing on the back of the neck.

ENGAGEMENT.  
Captain Stewart, Grenadier Guards, of Ardwell, Wigtownshire, only surviving son of Sir Mark M'Taggart Stewart, Bart. Southwick, and the late Lady M'Taggart Stewart of Ardwell, and Margaret, elder daughter of the Hon. Gilbert and Mrs. Hastings of Glenlee, Stewartry of Kirkcubright.

MARRIAGE.  
Captain W. A. Danby, Royal Field Artillery, son of the late Mr. W. Danby, and Mrs. Danby, late of Hongkong, to Winifred Rose, youngest daughter of the late James Sturrock, of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.  
The residue of the estate of Mrs. Helen Sibbald Morrison or Miller, 29 Park Circus, Glasgow, who left £260,131, has been bequeathed to form a fund for the relief of Glasgow men who are permanently incapacitated for work through active service in the war. Mr. John H. Webster, of Kinghorn, flax spinner, Beryie, has left £162,365.

A London paper asks: "WINDY Fort Newton, who has occupied the post of the City Temple, ever see the fulfilment of a prophecy of the late Dr. Joseph Parker? In the early part of his London ministry Dr. Parker—his words are in print—predicted that without ceasing to be minister of the City Temple, he would at no distant date preach in St. Paul's Cathedral. He was anxious enough to believe that within his lifetime the Act of Parliament which makes it illegal for a Nonconformist minister to occupy an Anglican pulpit would be altered. This has not yet been done, and the Doctor never preached in St. Paul's. His successor, Rev. R. J. Campbell, has this honour, but he had to cease being a Dissenting minister first. Perhaps one of the side issues of the war will be to make it possible for the third minister of the City Temple to carry out in himself the first minister's wish."

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